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Detention of American Personnel by the Soviets

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2. The following is resume of various reports received by this division during the past several months regarding American personnel who are reportedly being detained in various prisons, either in Eastern Germany, the USSR or one of the Soviet Satellite states:

a. "Bill" - interrogation of various German Nationals and American military personnel released from Soviet prisons in BERLIN reveal that an alleged American soldier named "Bill", supposedly of Puerto Rican or Mexican ancestry, wearing a Constabulary patch, was confined in Prenzlauerberg prison, BERLIN, in the spring of 1949. This individual was alleged to have been stationed in or near STRAUSSING and his home was alleged to have been from an infantry unit in FRANKFURT/MAIN. The description of "Guy" checks with that of the Guy A. KERRICK, alias GERRICK. (See sub-paragraph d.)

b. BRACKEN, Andreas or Andrew - reported as being held in SACHSENHAUSEN. No information available other than that Subject is from SAN FRANCISCO, California and was born on 21 July 1920. Subject is not carried on EUCOM Master ANCL list.

c. FEY, Rudolf - reported as being held in SACHSENHAUSEN on 26 January 1950. No record in EUCOM Master ANCL File. FEY, allegedly a newspaper reporter, was last seen at the US Check Point at WILHELMST. There are two reports separate sources regarding this man.

d. GERRICK or KERRICK, Guy - reported in March, 1948 as being held in a Soviet prison located on Georgen Strasse, vicinity of Stettiner Bahnhof, BERLIN. GERRICK's detention was reported by Recruit Christus RANGAVES, RA 12231800, B Troop, 16th Constabulary Squadron, APO 742. RANGAVES was confined in this same prison from 27 February 1949 until early April, during which time he contacted GERRICK, who claims to have escaped from FMP Stockade, FRANKFURT/MAIN and entered the Soviet Zone on or about the end of December 1948. GERRICK's description is as follows: Age: 25-30; Height: 5 ft. 11 in. or 6 ft.; Weight: 140-170; Hair: Blond; Eyes: Blue. GERRICK claimed to be a Major in the CIC or CID and to have had previous Army service in the Pacific.

No Guy GERRICK is listed in EUCOM Master ANCL list, but a Recruit Guy A. KERRICK RA 13006704 is carried as being ANCL. Missing Persons Section, Provost Marshal Division, EUCOM, was contacted regarding personal data and information on KERRICK. Information received confirms previous information, that KERRICK was ANCL from 1947, was returned to military control in the fall of 1948, escaped from FRANKFURT Post Stockade in January 1949. Subject's home is listed as BEDFORDVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA.

e. John F. HAMILTON - reported on 12 November 1949 as being held in SACHSENHAUSEN. HAMILTON, a native of NEW YORK CITY, was allegedly seen in Zone 2 in SACHSENHAUSEN, in full US Army uniform and wearing identification tags. HAMILTON was awaiting shipment to

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SUMMARY. This case has not been previously reported to this division and Subject is not listed in EUCOM Master AWOL list.

f. HARRIS or HARRISON, Fred - This name has come to the attention of this division on three occasions. In 1948, a Fred HARRIS was reported to be imprisoned in POLAND; in September, 1949, Fritz DILGES, a member of the West Berlin Police Force imprisoned since September, 1948 in SACHSENHAUSEN, reported a Fred HARRIS or HARRIES being confined in the same concentration camp. The address of this HARRIS was given as 8 Gay Avenue, NAUGATUCK, Connecticut. Subsequent check revealed no record of such a person or street address in NAUGATUCK, Connecticut. On 23 January 1950 a former inmate of SACHSENHAUSEN reported that during a brief period of confinement in a Soviet prison in HALLE, he came in contact with a Captain Fred HARRISON, allegedly from TEXAS, who, with his driver, a sergeant, name unknown, had been seized and imprisoned by the Soviet while enroute from BAD NAUHEIM to BERLIN. No record in EUCOM Master AWOL list. (Reference IR3s this division subject as above dated 21 October 1949 and 21 February 1950).

g. HOPKIN or HOPKINS - reported by BAD from information received from released inmates of SACHSENHAUSEN on 26 January 1950. Name has not previously been reported to this division. EUCOM Master AWOL list carries a US civilian Bernard HOPKINS and a 1st Lt G. R. HODOSCH, -800846, as being AWOL.

h. MARCHUK, William - Pvt MARCHUCK, ASN 6949675, 7732 Hqs Co., APO 742, was reported as being confined in Prenzlauerberg Prison in BERLIN in July 1949 by a Czech DP who had been released from that prison. MARCHUK was also reported in July 1949 by the girl-friend of Sgt. Christus HANKAVES, previously mentioned in this report. (See sub-paragraph d.) A report, not naming MARCHUK, but identifying him by physical description, mannerisms, habits, etc., was received in September from a British soldier who had been confined in Prenzlauerberg. According to this report, MARCHUK was receiving preferential treatment from the Soviets.

i. MILLER, Harry - allegedly held at Buchenwald internment camp. Claims to be a US National, who is being detained under a charge of espionage. Only description available is that MILLER is 21 or 23 years old. There are three Harry MILLERs list in the EUCOM Master AWOL and missing persons lists as follows:

(Rank unknown) Harry L. MILLER, ASN 34737796  
Pvt Harry J. MILLER, ASN 38963350  
Pfc Harry G. MILLER, ASN 332990A1

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All belonged to units that have since been inactivated.

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j. O'CONNOR, John - place of incarceration unknown. Claims he was arrested in 1946, sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for espionage. Reportedly his home town is BEAVER, Maine. Approximate age 27 years. There is a John F. O'CONNOR, ASN 94969487 listed as missing since February 1945 on the EUCOM Master AWOL list.

k. PETERSON or PETERSEN - first name unknown. Reported by two re-released SACHSENHAUSEN inmates on 25 January 1950. PETERSON claims to be an American Army Officer, A 1st Lieutenant PETERSON is listed in EUCOM AWOL Master List; Not William PETERSON, 6900471, Hqs Co. 759 MP Sv Bn. has been missing in BERLIN since August 1949.

l. SIEBYUNIS, Siegfried - is allegedly being held at SACHSENHAUSEN. He is reportedly 22 years old and his home is BOSTON, Massachusetts. He claims to have been a law student at HEIDELBERG until 1947, at which time he visited unidentified friends in BERLIN. During his visit he was abducted and taken into the Soviet Sector of BERLIN. Subsequently he was transported to SACHSENHAUSEN where he is presently being held. SIEBYUNIS claims to have a brother connected with the Rheemama Cigarette Company in HAMBURG who resides in the RHEEMAMA Mans in that City. The veracity of this statement is being checked through British authorities and the results of the check will be forwarded upon receipt by this division. Not listed in EUCOM Master AWOL list. No record of person by that name being enrolled in HEIDELBERG University in 1947.

m. Alexander SYDER - allegedly son of a US Congressman and an English noblewoman. Claims to have been American liaison officer in WEIMAR. Not listed in EUCOM Master AWOL List; no further information available.

2. The following individuals have been reported to this division by the S-2, BERLIN Military Post, as having been absent or missing from their units for an abnormally long period. Due to certain factors peculiar to BERLIN and the overall BERLIN situation, the Provost Marshal considers these person "potential" detainees or actual deserters to the Soviet side:

LUTSOVICH, Charles, Pfc., 33490612  
PETERSON, William, Ret., 6900471  
POWELL, James E. Pvt., 17178358

3. The following individuals, both alleged to be American deserters, have been reported to this division:

a. Pvt Alex FLEISCH, ASN 32109766 - reported in November, 1949 by S-2 759th MP Sv Bn. FLEISCH is now in WISSENWELS, Soviet Zone, where he is guarded by the Soviets.

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as a SO store manager. He is reported to have renounced American citizenship and claimed political refuge in the Soviet Zone. He was last reported living with a Frau HOEFNER, Zeitzer Strasse No 45, WEISSHOF. FLESCH is carried as Cpl Alexander L. FLESCH, 32109766, in the EUCOM Master AWOL list.

b. COMMENT: 5-2, 75th MP Sv Bn has contacted FLESCH and has attempted to persuade him to return to US Military Control. FLESCH attempted to make a "deal" but refuses to come to BERLIN unless guaranteed immunity from prosecution. On the last occasion he threatened the messenger with arrest by the MVD if she attempted to transmit any more communications to him. FLESCH is reported to have "turned pale" upon receipt of the first message; he stated to the messenger that he knew this would eventually happen.

4. This report is furnished for your information and any action you deem advisable.

5. A copy of this report is being furnished the AG Division for information and a files check to supplement, if possible, information given above.

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